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New Delhi, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This Department is administering a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme, namely, National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). The Project Approval Board (PAB) set up under the Scheme has, inter-alia, decided in its meeting held on 26.11.2010 that MHRD may write to Central Educational Institutions and to AICTE for pursuing with the institutions affiliated to it for making use of SCILAB and other Open Source Softwares. A copy of the said Minutes is available on Sakshat Portal ([www.sakshat.ac.in](http://www.sakshat.ac.in)).

It was also decided to request the institutions to explore Open Source Software Solutions before adopting proprietary softwares for their academic, administrative and financial needs.

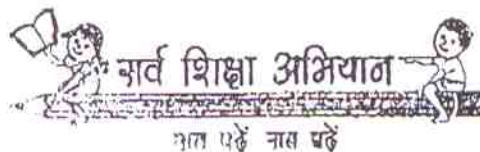
I shall, therefore, be grateful if you could consider taking necessary action in this regard and keep this Department informed of the same.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(N.K. Sinha)

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- ii). Directors/VCs of all Central Educational Institutions



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